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Applicants: Takaki NAKAMURA et al. Confirmation No.: 4748

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir

On July 17, 2009, Examiner Thanh Nguyen initiated contact with Donna K.

Mason, counsel to Applicants, to discuss the allowability of the claims.

Applicants' separate statement of substance of the interview follows:

Applicants thank the Examiner for initiating the telephonic interview conducted on

July 17, 2009. In the interview, the Examiner proposed amending the claims to

place the application in condition for allowance. Counsel to Applicants agreed to the

Examiner's proposed amendments, and authorized the Examiner to amend the

claims via an Examiner's Amendment.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of BRUNDIDGE & STANGER, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-4888 (referencing attorney docket no. 1213.43347X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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